

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 7 and add Claim 8 to read, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
a plurality of developing devices for developing an electrostatic image formed on an image bearing member; and
a rotary member holding said plurality of developing devices for selectively moving and rotated in a route including a developing position, said rotary member selectively positioning any one of said [[the]] developing devices to a at said developing position,
wherein each of said plurality of developing devices has a first developer carrying member and a second developer carrying member for developing the electrostatic image with developers carried thereby, respectively,
wherein each of said plurality of developing devices is held by said rotary member so as to be relatively rockable with respect to said rotary member, and
wherein when the one of said developing devices is in the developing position, said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member of the one of said developing devices are positioned in predetermined positions with respect to the image bearing member, respectively. a plurality of developer carrying members carrying developer to said image bearing member.

2. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of developing devices has an abutting member provided on said second developer carrying member for abutting against the image bearing member to

ensure a distance between said second developer carrying member and the image bearing member, and

wherein when the one of said developing devices is in the developing position, said first developer carrying member is disposed in the one of said developing devices so that said first developer carrying member is opposed to the image bearing member with a predetermined distance between said first developer carrying member and the image bearing member, and said abutting member abuts against the image bearing member, a first developer carrying member positioned by said developing device to thereby have its distance to said image bearing member ensured, and a second developer carrying member being substantially hit against said image bearing member to thereby have its distance to said image bearing member ensured.

3. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein in the one of said developing devices, said second developer carrying member is disposed upstream of said first developer carrying member in a rotating direction of said rotary member, provided with a hitting member adapted to be substantially hit against said image bearing member.

4. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, [[2,]] wherein each of said plurality of developing devices is rockable about a rocking center centered on a rotation center of said first developer carrying member, said first developer carrying member is positioned in said developing device so as not to contact with said image bearing member with the rotation of said rotary member.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, [[2,]] wherein each of said plurality of developing devices has an abutting member for abutting against a guide portion provided on an apparatus main body side to ensure a distance between said second developer carrying member and the image bearing member, wherein each of said plurality of developing devices is rockable about a rocking center centered on a rotation center of said first developer carrying member, and wherein when the one of said developing devices is in the developing position, said first developer carrying member is disposed in the one of said developing devices so that said first developer carrying member is opposed to the image bearing member with a predetermined distance between said first developer carrying member and the image bearing member, and said abutting member abuts against said guide portion. said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member performs an operation of developing the electrostatic image on said image bearing member in the named order:

6. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 5, any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein said guide portion has a curvature shape centered on a rotation center of the image bearing member. first developer carrying member arrives at said developing position with the rotation of said rotary member earlier than said second developer carrying member.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of developing devices for developing an electrostatic image formed on

an image bearing member; and

a rotary member holding said plurality of developing devices for selectively moving

any one of said developing devices to a developing position,

wherein each of said plurality of developing devices comprises a first developer

carrying member and a second developer carrying member for developing the electrostatic

image with developers carried thereby, respectively, and an abutting member provided on

said second developer carrying member for abutting against the image bearing member to

ensure a distance between said second developer carrying member and the image bearing

member,

wherein said second developer carrying member is relatively movable with respect

to said rotary member so as to have said abutting member abut against the image bearing

member prior to a developing operation, and

wherein said image forming apparatus is operable in according to Claim 2, which

can selectively execute a first mode in which the [[a]] developing operation is performed

by the use [[used]] of said first developer carrying member alone without said abutting

member abutting against the image bearing member, alone; and a second mode in which

the developing operation is performed by the use of both of said first developer carrying

member and said second developer carrying member with said abutting member abutting

against the image bearing member.

--8. (New) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein when the one of said plurality of developing devices is in the developing position, said first developer carrying member is disposed in the one of said plurality of developing devices so that said first developer carrying member is opposed to the image bearing member with a predetermined distance between said first developer carrying member and the image bearing member.--